ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Seventh Annual Session

....OF THE....

# Mineral Springs Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## Chalcedonia Baptist Church,

Sept. 15, 16 and 17, 1899

OFFICERS

G. A. Sloan, Moderator.....Brookside, Ala.
Jas. M. Creel, Clerk and Treas.....Morris, Ala.

The next session of this Association will be held with Watts Union Church, one mile southwest of Warrior, Alabama, commencing on Friday before the third Sabbath in Sept., A. D. 1900

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Moderator call the delegates to order and hear the introductory.
2. Call for letters from the churches.
3. Appoint reading clerks and have letters read.
4. Election of officers for the year.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Invite visiting members to seats.
7. Call for correspondence from other Associations.
8. Appoint the different committees, to-wit:
    - On Devotion.
    - On Sunday School.
    - On Documents.
    - On State of Religion.
    - On Temperance.
    - On Superannuated Ministers.
    - On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
    - On Missions.
    - On Education.
    - On finance.
9. Call for report of Executive Board.
10. Appoint place of next meeting.
11. Appoint ministers to preach annual sermons.
12. Offer thanks and miscellany.

# PROCEEDINGS

## FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The seventh annual session of the Mineral Springs Baptist Association assembled in Chalcedonia Church Friday, September 15, 1899, at 11 a. m.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, G. A. Sloan. Singing by the choir. Rev. Jas. A. Moncrief read from John 14th chapter. Prayer by Rev. B. F. Hughes. The introductory sermon was preached by Jas. A. Moncrief from John 15:12. Concluded by B. F. Hughes in a welcome address. Sang No. 167 in Crowning Day No. 2. Shook hands in a reunion. Prayer by J. W. Ragland.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

## AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 P. M.

Association called to order by Moderator. Singing by choir. Prayer by Moderator. Called for letters, and received nine. Appointed Bros. J. L. Jolly and S. L. Waldrop to read the letters. Read and received the following letters, with bearers:

Liberty—M. P. Rogers, J. P. Brewer, E. W. Creel, W. J. Eaton, J. S. Hannah; John V. Creel, alternate.

Watts Union—E. G. Bibb, R. L. Rowe, J. L. Jolly; Thomas Sharitt, alternate.

Mt. Olive—J. B. McCormack, J. E. Goode, G. A. Sloan; A. J. Hancock alternate.

Antioch—W. W. Statum, S. M. Sims, S. L. Waldrop; J. H. Wood, alternate.

New Hope—W. P. Echols, B. I. Franklin and J. J. Franklin.

Chalcedonia—J. G. Reid, Geo. W. Turnham, R. N. Nail, E. E. Nail; D. J. Reid, alternate.

Chalybeate Springs—J. A. Moncrief, T. A. Elliott, W. T. Massey, W. C. McLaughlin; G. Smith, alternate.

Enon—L. M. Little, S. T. Harris, Cam Ethridge and L. L. Little,

Hopewell—H. T. Dorman, M. R. Marsh, J. J. Dean and B. C. Higginbotham.

Proceeded to elect officers, which resulted in the re-election of G. A. Sloan, Moderator, and James M. Creel, Clerk and Treasurer.

On call for petitionary letters, received none.

Invited visiting members to seats.

On call for correspondents from other associations, received Revs. W. J. McCrary, G. S. Sloan and Bro. S. S. Fewell from Sulphur Springs Association, and J. W. Ragland and G. B. Powell from Birmingham Association.

Moderator appointed committees as follows:

On Devotion—T. A. Elliott, J. L. Jolly and the Deacons of Chalcedonia Church.

On Sunday Schools—Jas. A. Moncrief and Geo. W. Turnham.

On State of Religion—B. F. Hughes and J. B. McCormack.

On Temperance—S .L. Waldrop, S. M. Sims.

On Superannuated Ministers—M. R. Marsh and D. J. Reid.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—W. P. Echols and L. M. Little.

On Missions—T. A. Elliott and J. V. Creel.

On Education—J. S. Hannah and R. L. Rowe.

On Finance—W. J. Eaton and E. W. Creel.

Called for report of Executive Board. Motion to defer report until next day prevailed.

Delegates and visitors invited to homes.

Devotional Committee report preaching tonight by S. L. Waldrop, with J. W. Ragland alternate.

Singing by choir.

Adjourned to 7 p. m. Dismissed by S. L. Waldrop.

## FRIDAY NIGHT.

Devotional committee reported preaching Saturday at 11 a. m. by W. J. McCrary, James A. Moncrief, alternate, and at 7 p. m., by G. S. Sloan, with W. J. Bell alternate.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association called to order at 9:30 a. m. by clerk. Singing by choir. Prayer by Rev. Jas. A. Moncrief. Singing by choir. Moderator arrived.

On call for letters, received two. Read, received and enrolled the following delegates:

Asbury—Rev. W. D. Shaw.

Mineral Springs—Willis Eastis, J. A. Hodges, R. A. Hodges; J. A. Montgomery, alternate.

Again called for petitionary letters; received none.

Order of business was then taken up.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools was read, received and carried over until Sunday morning.

## REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

The report on state of religion was read, received and discussed by Jas. A. Moncrief and John V. Criel; adopted.

We, your Committee on the State of Religion, submit the following report, to-wit: We find from the letters of the various churches that religion is at a higher pitch than has even been in the past, except our Sunday schools and prayer meetings. We think it is very needful to have an evergreen Sunday school and weekly prayer meeting in every church in our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. Hughes, Chairman.

The report on Temperance was read, received and discussed by Rev. G. S. Sloan.

On motion, adjourned for preaching. Ten minutes intermission.

At 11 a. m. preaching by Rev. W. J. McCrary, followed by Jas. A. Moncrief. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Sellers.

Adjourned for dinner.

## EVENING SESSION.

At 2 p. m. Association reassembled in the church. Singing.

On motion granted Bro. S. M. Sims leave of absence.

On call for letters, received one from Sardis. Read and received letter, with bearers, to-wit: W. E. Spradling, J. W. James, J. R. Spradling and B. M. Doss.

On call for petitionary letters, received one from Mt. Pisgah. Read and received the said letter, with delegates, to-wit: J. M. Carr, J. Collier and B. F. Mathis.

The temperance report was taken up and discussion continued by J. W. Ragland and W. J. McCrary. Report adopted.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to say that we are encouraged, as our cause is slowly but steadily gaining ground. We know the Lord is on our side. The word temperance means self-control, so

you see we have a wide field to work self-control in every sphere of life in which we walk; but we must fight the demon of strong drink to the finish, for by it our young men are debauched, our wives and mothers are led to the altar by those who would drag them down instead of helping them up. We therefore urge that those who profess the name of Christ touch not, taste not and handle not the accursed stuff and set an example worth imitation.

Now may the God of heaven so rule in our hearts and lives that soon, ah! soon, the saloon must go and be a thing of the past.

Respectfully submitted, S. L. Waldrop, Chairman.

Report on Superannuated Ministers read, received and adopted.

We, your Committee on Superannuated Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to report that there are none in the bounds of our Association.

Respectfully submitted, M. R. Harsh, Chairman.

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons read, received and adopted.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to report that we find none in our Association.

Respectfully submitted, L. M. Little, Chairman.

The report on Missions was read, received and adopted.

We, your Committee on Missions, are enabled to make the following report: There has not been any mission work done in the bounds of the Association as we know of, notwithstanding that we favor and recommend that more mission work be done.

T. A. Elliott, Chairman.

The report on Education was read, received and adopted.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to report the following: We believe and do teach that education is the hope of our country, especially the young of both sexes; that good and moral teachers should be employed in every community in our literary schools; that we should place efficient teachers—that is, a man that has taken up his cross and is following Jesus Christ. We further believe that in our Sabbath schools each school should have for superintendent a man that should have a first-class education, and all teachers should be Christians, with good educations. The time is fast approaching when we will have to compete with foreign countries in education.

Brothers, we pray God that all of us may give our children a first-class education in literary and Bible studies.

J. S. Hannah and R. L. Rowe, Committee.

The report on Finance was read, received and adopted:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

| Churches. | Assoc't'n'l expenses. | Minutes. |
|---|---|---|
| Antioch | $ 23 | $ 1 50 |
| Watts Union | .. | 2 00 |
| Liberty | .. | 2 00 |
| New Hope | .. | 1 25 |
| Mineral Springs | .. | 1 50 |
| Chalcedonia | .. | 1 25 |
| Sardis | .. | 50 |
| Asbury | .. | 70 |
| Chalybeate Springs | 60 | 2 00 |
| Enon | .. | 1 10 |
| Mt. Olive | 50 | 1 00 |
| Mt. Pisgah | 1 25 | 75 |
| Total | $2 58 | $15 35 |

## FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF MINERAL SPRINGS ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR 1899.

| Churches. | Home Missions | Associational | Minutes | Pastor's Salary | Poor, Fuel, Sunday School, etc. | Total | Value of Property |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Antioch | ... | 23 | $ 1 50 | $ 7 47 | ..... | $ 9 40 | ..... |
| Asbury | ..... | ..... | 70 | ..... | ..... | 70 | ..... |
| Chalybeate Springs | ..... | 60 | 2 00 | ..... | $ 4 40 | 6 40 | $300 |
| Chalcedonia | ..... | ..... | 1 25 | 18 78 | ..... | 20 03 | ..... |
| Enon | ..... | ..... | 1 10 | 50 00 | ..... | 51 10 | 300 |
| Hopewell | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Liberty | ..... | ..... | 2 00 | 25 10 | 38 00 | 65 10 | 500 |
| Mount Olive | ..... | 50 | 1 00 | ..... | ..... | 1 50 | 200 |
| Mineral Springs | ..... | .... | 1 50 | 8 40 | ..... | 9 90 | ..... |
| Mount Pisgah | ..... | $ 1 25 | 75 | ..... | ..... | 2 00 | ..... |
| New Hope | ..... | ..... | 1 10 | ..... | ..... | 1 10 | ..... |
| Sardis | ..... | ..... | 50 | ..... | ..... | 50 | 100 |
| Watts Union | ..... | ..... | 2 00 | 60 00 | ..... | 62 00 | 600 |
| Collections at Association | $ 3 43 | $ 3 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Total | $ 3 43 | $ 5 58 | $15 40 | 169 95 | ..... | $229 73 | $2,000 |

E. W. Creel and W. J. Eaton, Committee.

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, the Executive Board, report as follows:

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| Home Missions | $10 86 |
| Foreign Missions | 2 55 |
| State Missions | 1 25 |
| Total | $14 66 |

We hereby authorize the Treasurer to send each amount to the purpose as designated. T. A. Elliott, Chairman.

Granted next session of this Association to Watts Union. Elected B. F. Hughes to preach the introductory sermon, with Jas. A. Monerief alternate, and S. L. Waldrop to preach the Missionary sermon on Sunday at 11 a. m.

The following resolutions recommending two missionaries in this Association was read, received and discussed by Geo. Turnham, W. D. Shaw, G. S. Sloan, T. S. Tur, and adopted:

1. Be it resolved, That this body appoint two brethren to travel in this Association and doctrinate the churches and preach in the destitute places in the Association.

2. That they co-operate with the Executive Board.

3. That they make a report of miles traveled, sermons preached, prayer-meetings held, churches organized, how many Baptised, if any.

4. That they work up the spirit of missions, and what they collect for mission they turn over to the Executive Board to be disposed of for the greatest good for the cause of Christ.

5. That they make their report at the next session of this body.

Respectfully submitted, George Turnham.

Moved and seconded to elect missionaries by ballot; prevailed. Elected Bros. W. D. Shaw and S. L. Waldrop.

Moved and seconded to leave the time of commencing with the brethren; prevailed.

On motion, granted Hopewell church a letter of dismission.

On motion, Moderator appointed the Executive Board as follows: T. A. Elliott, J. L. Jolly, L. M. Little, J. E. Goode and Geo. W. Turnham.

## DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The first district meeting will be at Liberty church, commencing Fri-

day night before the third Sunday in July, 1900, Jas. A. Moncrief to preach the introductory sermon; A. J. Creel, alternate.

The second district meeting will meet with Mount Olive Church, commencing on Friday night before the second Sunday in August, 1900. B. F. Hughes to preach the introductory sermon, with S. L. Waldrop, alternate.

On motion, adjourned until 9 a. m. Sunday. Dismissed by Rev. W. J. McCrary.

## THIRD DAY.

Sunday at 9 a. m. the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Singing by the choir. Prayer by Rev. J. C. McCrary.

Read report on Sunday schools; discussed by Jas. A. Moncrief, R. L. Rowe, W. D. Shaw, B. F. Hughes, J. W. Ragland and W. J. McCrary; adopted.

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, offer the following report: We find that to some of our churches there has been added several of our real Sunday school students. We find that where there is a live Sunday school that there has been great revivals of religion and many additions to the church. But where there are no Sunday schools, religion seems to be at a low ebb.

Brethren, let us therefore, seeing the great influence of Sunday schools on the rising generation, which is the hope of the church, the hope of the country and the hope of the future posterity, may we devise some plan by which Sunday schools may be in every church and in every community. Geo. W. Turnham and Jas A. Moncrief, Committee.

An intermission of ten minutes was then taken.

Reassambled for the missionary sermon. Rev. W. D. Shaw read the 140th Psalm. Prayer by B. F. Hughes. Bro. W. D. Shaw then proceeded with the sermon from Matthew 28: 19.

A collection was taken up for clerk and missions, which follows:

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| For Clerk | $3 00 |
| For Home Missions | 3 43 |
| Total | $6 43 |

Prayer by J. W. Ragland.

The following resolution of thanks was read and adopted:

Be it resolved, That this body tender thanks to this church and community for their kindness to us during our stay with them, and that we pray God's blessings on them.

Sang the closing hymn and extended the parting hand.

Dismissed by W. D. Shaw. G. A. Sloan, Moderator.

James M. Creel, Clerk and Treasurer.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

| Name. | P, O. Address. |
|---|---|
| S. L. Waldrop | Murray |
| W. D. Shaw | Warrior |
| W. C. McLaughlin | Leeds |
| James A. Moncrief | New Castle |
| J. S. Jernigan | Greens |
| B. F. Hughes | Morris |
| John T. Hughes | Morris |
| G. W. Red | Adamsville |
| J. Collier | Brookside |

## STATISTICS OF MINERAL SPRINGS ASSOCIATION.

| CHURCHES (All in Jefferson County) | PASTOR | CLERK | CLERK'S P. O. | Membership Last Reported | Increase by | | | | Decrease by | | | | Present Membership | SUNDAY SCHOOL | | | Preaching Sabbaths | Reports Prayer Meeting | Reports Revival |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Baptism | Letter | Voucher | Restoration | Letter | Exclusion | Erasure | Death | | Officers and Teachers | Pupils | Superintendent's Name and Post Office. | | | |
| Antioch | Jas A Moncrief | J H Wood | Ono | 33 | ..... | 2 | 2 | ... | ..... | ..... | 3 | 1 | 33 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 | ..... | ... |
| Asbury | W D Shaw | A M McAnally | Warrior | 11 | 2 | ..... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | 13 | 9 | 60 | J N Stockley, Warrior | 2&4 | 1 | ... |
| Chalybeate Spr'gs. | W C McLaughlin | T A Elliott | New Castle | 59 | 5 | 7 | 3 | ... | 6 | ..... | ... | 1 | 55 | 5 | 45 | T A Elliott, New Castle. | 1 | ..... | ... |
| Chalcedonia | B F Hughes | C G Turnham | Morris | 58 | 6 | ..... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | 64 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 |
| Enon | W J McCrary | L Little | Morris | 74 | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | 2 | ..... | ... | ... | 72 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ... |
| *Hopewell | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ... |
| Liberty | B F Hughes | Jas M Creel | Morris | 106 | 14 | 7 | ... | ... | 7 | ..... | ... | 2 | 113 | 7 | 37 | M P Rogers, Morris | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Mt Olive | Jas A Moncrief | J B McCommack | Brookside | ..... | 4 | 3 | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | 28 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ... |
| Mount Pisgah | J Collier | J M Carr | Brookside | ..... | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | 23 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | ... |
| Mineral Springs | G W Red | R A Hodges | Brookside | ..... | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | 23 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ... |
| New Hope | R F Shank | J J Franklin | Sandusky | ..... | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | 23 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ... |
| Sardis | B F Hughes | W E Spradling | Morris | 34 | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | ..... | ..... | ... | 1 | 33 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ... |
| Watts Union | W D Shaw | J L Jolly | Warrior | 43 | 14 | 3 | ... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ... | ... | 60 | ..... | ..... | J B Jolly, Warrior | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | | | | 418 | 45 | 22 | 5 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 544 | 21 | 142 | | | 3 | 3 |

* Dismissed to another Association.